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SUBJ: STATUS OF CDC COMPUTER EXPORT LICENSE CASES

REF: A) STATE 71217; B). STATE 68773

1. INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO COMMERCIAL OFFICE ON CONTROL DATA'S PLANS FOR SYSTEMS SALES HERE MORE OR LESS CONSISTENT WITH REPORT REF A.

2. IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH COMMATT, SENIOR CDC OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF NEGOTIATIONS ADVISED THAT CDC HOPED TO CONCLUDE CONTRACT WITH SOVIETS DURING APRIL 1975 FOR SALE OF 7600 SYSTEM FOR USE BY MAIN HYDROMETEOROLOGICAL SERVICE (HYDROMET). WHILE CDC REP AGREED THAT THIS SYSTEM WOULD BE FAR IN EXCESS OF ANY PREVIOUSLY APPROVED FOR USSR, HE SUGGESTED THAT CLOSE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN U.S. ORGANIZATIONS AND HYDROMET PLUS FACT THAT USE OF CDC SYSTEM BY HYDROMET WOULD VASTLY IMPROVE QUALITY OF WEATHER INFORMATION TRANSMITTED BY SOVIETS ON SO-CALLED "COLD LINE" WERE FACTORS SUPPORTING APPROVAL OF LICENSE. CDC REP ALSO ADVISED THAT MINISTRY OF GEOLOGY HAD REQUESTED 7600 SYSTEM FOR USE IN PROCESSING GEOLOGICAL SURVEY DATA. WHILE CDC REP SAID HE BELIEVED THAT GOOD CASE COULD BE MADE FOR APPROVAL OF SUCH A SYSTEM GIVEN VOLUME OF WORK WHICH THAT MINISTRY CURRENTLY UNDERTAKING, HE AGREED WITH COMMATT'S OBSERVATION THAT APPROVAL WAS UNLIKELY, PAR-
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TICULARLY WITHIN TIME-FRAME (END OF 1975) SET BY SOVIETS.

3. (COMMENT: CDC'S DECISION TO APPLY FOR EXPORT LICENSE COVERING SALE OF CYBER-73 FOR MINISTRY OF GEOLOGY REPRESENTS SUBSTANTIAL SCALING-DOWN BY BOTH MINISTRY AND CDC TO BRING PROPOSAL WITHIN CURRENT POSSIBILITIES OF U.S. EXPORT CONTROLS. CDC WOULD HAVE CONCLUDED CONTRACT FOR 7600 SYSTEM FOR HYDROMET IN FEBRUARY HAD IT NOT BEEN FOR RELATIVELY MINOR DISAGREEMENTS ON PRICE, AND CONCLUSION OF CONTRACT IN APRIL SEEMS LIKELY. EMBASSY NOTED WITH INTEREST MKRTUMOV'S COMMENTS REF B ON CDC NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE THESE COMMENTS WERE CLEARLY SELF-SERVING IN CONTEXT OF ARMITAGE-MKRTUMOV DISCUSSION OF SPERRY-UNIVAN ATC CONTRACT, IT IS TRUE THAT CDC'S BUSINESS HERE IS SEVERELY LIMITED BY EXPORT CONTROLS, PARTICULARLY SINCE COMPANY CONCENTRATES ON LARGER, MORE POWERFUL SYSTEMS. END COMMENT).

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